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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

On October 24, 2006, the Examiner issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in reply to Applicant's Response to Restriction Requirement filed on August 28, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the Response to Restriction Requirement presented herein which now reflects the amendments made to the claims made in the Amendment and Response filed on November 16, 2004.

In an Office Action dated July 26, 2006, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-14 (Group I); and Claims 15-18 (Group II) were distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 1-14 (Group I) in this patent application.